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Date: August 25, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mehregany et al.

Docket No.: 47799.00003

Application No.: 09/677,197

Group Art Unit: 3621

Filing Date: October 2, 2000

Examiner: Kambiz Abdi

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACQUISITION OF RESEARCH AND

DEVELOPMENT

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner:

Herewith is a response to the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed on April 26, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, that the shortened statutory response period be extended for one month (1) until August 26, 2004. The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed.

- [x]Applicant asserts Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

	Claims remaining after		Highest number previously		Present Extra				Additional Fee
	amendment	.	paid for						
Total Effective Claims	15	Minus	25	=	0	х	\$ 18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	=	0	х	\$ 86.00		\$0.00
							Subtotal:		\$0.00

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Fee Calculation: Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a)

[x]	Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$ 110.00					
Ĩ	Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$ 420.00					
Ϊĺ	Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$ 950.00					
וֹ וֹ	Response filed within fourth month after due date – add	\$1480.00					
ĨĨ	Response filed within fifth month after due date – add	\$2010.00					
[x]	Filing Fee for Request for Continued Examination (RCE):	\$ 770.00					
		Subtotal:	\$ 880.00				
If one of the "small entity" boxes above is checked, enter half (1/2) of the second subtotal and subtract.							
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED:		\$ 440.00				
[x]	Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3878 in the amount of \$\frac{\$440.00}{}. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.						
[]	A Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. check in the amount of \$	is	attached.				

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R.§§ 1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3878 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 25, 2004

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